



REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS

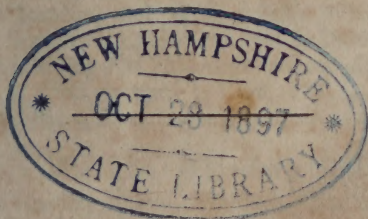
AND

Superintending School Committee,

OF THE TOWN OF

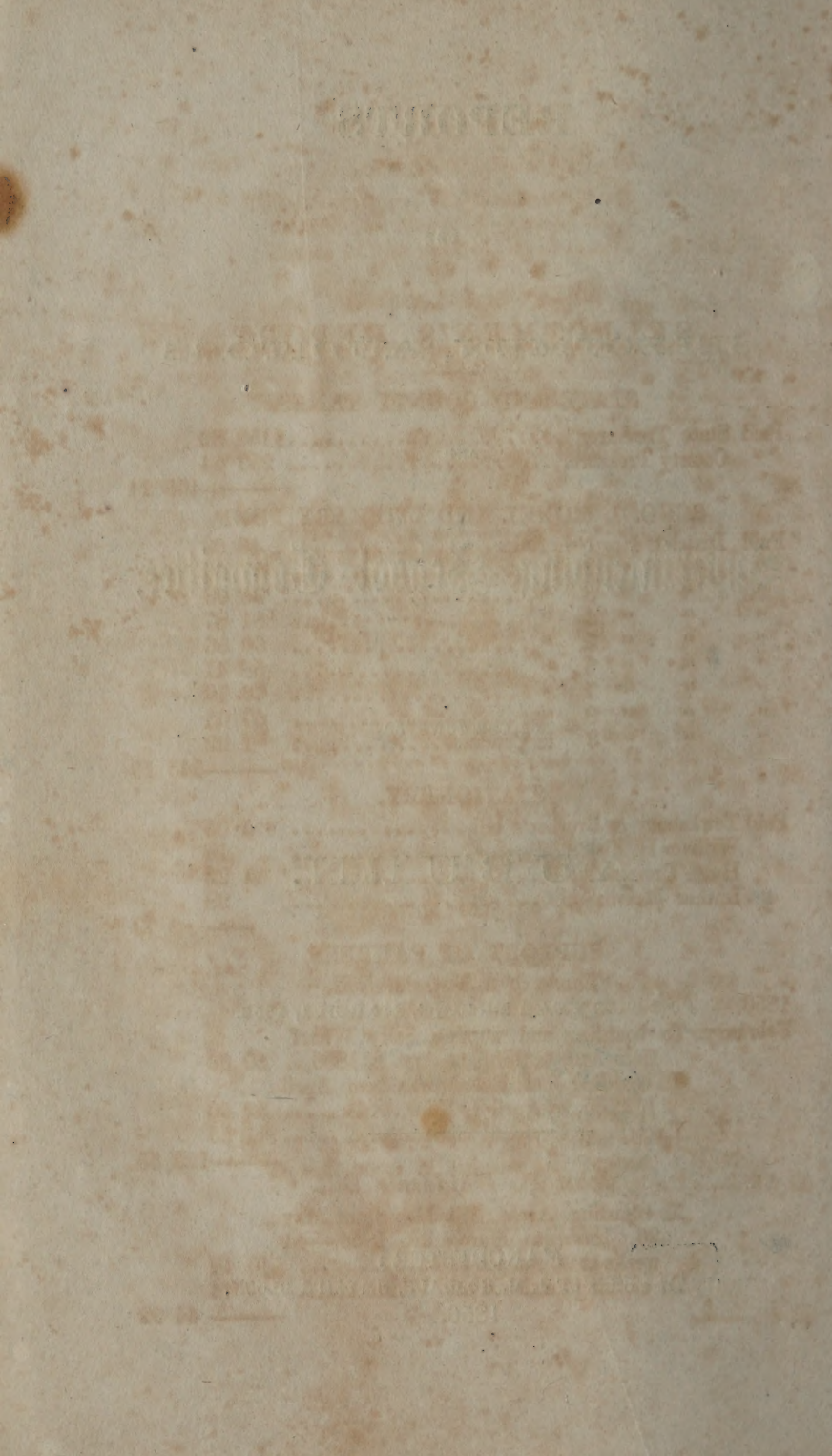
AUBURN,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING, MARCH 1, 1856.



MANCHESTER :

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1856.



SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Treasurer	\$152 60
" County Treasurer,	253 64
	—————406 24

SCHOOL MONEY AND LITERARY FUND.

Paid District No. 1 in full,	48 03
" " " 2 "	57 06
" " " 3 "	95 03
" " " 4 "	81 87
" " " 5 "	60 56
" " " 6 "	58 41
" " " 7 "	76 16
" " " 8 "	67 05
" " " 3 in Candia,	1 02
	—————545 19

STATIONERY.

Paid Tewksbury & Brother's bill,	1 05
William H. Fisk's bill,	18
Hugh Crombie's bill,	1 22
Luther Melvin's bill,	28
	————— 2 73

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Town of Chester's Bill.

1856.

February. To boarding and nursing Sally Wharf from Apr. 1, 1855, to Apr. 1, 1856, ..	60 00
To boarding Joel Esterbrooks from April 1, 1855, to April 1, 1856,	52 00
To clothing furnished said paupers,	11 55
	—————123 55

John P. Whidden's Bill.

To boarding Archi. Whidden from May 26, 1855, to March 29, 1856,—44 weeks at 92 cts. per week,	40 48
To clothing furnished said Whidden,	4 44
	————— 44 92

Hiram McDuffee's Bill.

To boarding Archi. Whidden from March 26, 1855, to May 27,—9 weeks and 1 day, at \$1 per week,.....	9 14	
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Luther Melvin's Bill.

1855.	To supplies furnished George Moore,..	92	
	To supplies furnished Alexander Meek,	8 27	
	To supplies furnished Richard Emery,	50	
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Nathan Plummer's Bill.

1855.	To medical attendance on Elizabeth Osgood's family,.....	10 86	
	To medical attendance on Archi. Whidden,.....	2 25	
		<hr/>	13 11

George W. Stuart's Bill.

1855.			
Dec. 8.	To nursing and supporting Richard Emery 6 days,.....	3 00	
	To pay for watchers 3 nights for R. Emery,.....	2 25	
		<hr/>	5 25

Dr. D. B. Nelson's Bill.

1855.			
Dec. 27,	To med. attendance on R. Emery,.....	3 50	
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Hugh Crombie's Bill

1855.			
Nov. 11,	To boarding and nursing R. Emery's family while sick,.....	3 00	
	To 1-2 bu. potatoes for said family,....	25	
		<hr/>	3 25

S. R. Hall's Bill.

1856.			
Feb. 20,	To boarding Gilman Hall 2 1-2 weeks, at 2 00 per week,	5 00	
	To attendance in sickness and funeral,	5 00	
		<hr/>	10 00

Ezra Willett's Bill.

1856.			
Feb. 13,	To digging grave and shovelling path for G. Hall,.....	2 50	
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John L. Lovitt's Bill.

1856.		
Feb. 12,	To coffin for Gilman Hall,.....	4 50
		— 4 50

Richards & Greenough's Bill.

1856.		
Feb. 12,	To cloth for robe and sundries for G. Hall	72
		— 72

Elizabeth Osgood's bill.

1856.		
Feb. 20,	To boarding and nursing G. Osgood from March 10, 1855, to March 10, 1856	44 31
		— 44 31
		274 44

NON-RESIDENTS' HIGHWAY TAXES WORKED OUT.

Paid Andrew F. Fox	in Dist. No. 3 for 1855,	29 00
Hiram M. Duffee	" " 4 "	13 55
Zaccheus Colby,	" " 2 "	14 18
Samuel Anderson	" " 6 "	2 25
William B. Brown	" " 1 "	6 37
Amherst Coult	" " 12 "	10 42
Austin George	" " 5 "	2 88
William Moore	" " 9 "	13 31
Benjamin S. Stewart,	" " 11 "	1 43
Marvin R. Proctor	" " 7 "	7 75
James Calef	" " 1 for 1854,	3 42
Levi Jones	" " 5 "	2 90
Kendrick Emery, Collector for 1855, for sundry certificates of tax worked out by non-residents,		23 12
		— 130 67

IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

1855.	<i>Thaddeus S. Colby's bill.</i>	
Sept. 15,	To 672 ft. plank, at \$13 per M,.....	8 73
	To 100 ft. timber for stringers,.....	1 00
		— 9 73
1855.	<i>William Hall's Bill.</i>	
April,	To 3 days work repairing highways,....	3 00
		— 3 00
1855.	<i>Austin George's Bill.</i>	
Oct. 20,	To repairing Strait's Bridge,.....	1 25
	To repairing highway in Dist. No. 5,...	10 00
		— 11 25
1855.	<i>John Clark's Bill.</i>	
Nov. 5,	To 1560 feet plank,.....	18 72
	To 450 feet oak plank,.....	6 75
		— 25 47

1855.	<i>Graham Hall's Bill.</i>		
February.	To 3 chestnut stringers for bridge in No. 7,	6 00	
		—	6 00
1855.	<i>Hugh Crombie's Bill.</i>		
Sept. 15,	To repairing bridge over Sucker Brook,	1 50	
	Paid John Moore, self and oxen,.....	1 00	
25,	To self one day repairing Candia road,..	1 00	
	To J. C. Crombie 1 day,.....	1 00	
	To oxen 1 day,.....	1 00	
	Paid John Moore, self, oxen and plough		
	1 day,.....	2 50	
Nov. 30,	To part of day repairing bridge at village	34	
	To part of day, self and hand, repairing		
	bad places on Candia road,.....	75	
		—	9 09
1855.	<i>Franklin Brown's Bill.</i>		
Oct. 8,	To 114 ft. 2 in. plank for deer neck bridge	2 96	
		—	2 96
1855.	<i>Wm. H. H. Crawford's Bill.</i>		
Nov. 30,	To self and cattle, drawing timber for		
	bridge near school house No. 7.....	2 00	
	To 1 day's work on bridge,.....	1 00	
		—	3 00
1855.	<i>William Leach's Bill.</i>		
Sept. 25,	To 1 day's work on Candia road,.....	1 00	
		—	1 00
1855.	<i>Zaccheus Colby's Bill.</i>		
June 18,	To 1 lb. powder,.....	17	
	To 62 ft. plank,.....	74	
		—	91
1855.	<i>Marvin R. Proctor's Bill.</i>		
Nov. 29,	To labor on road and bridge in Dis. No. 7	1 68	
		—	74 09

BREAKING OUT HIGHWAYS.

1854-5	Paid James Calef's Bill in dist.....No. 1	12 00
	William Halls.....No.2	7 40
	Elisha A. Heath,.....No. 3	8 48
	Nathan B. Goldsmiths,.....No. 4	22 40
	Levi Jones,.....No. 5	13 92
	Sundry persons in Dist.....No. 6	7 48
	William Emery in Dist.....No. 7	7 14
	John Clarks Bill in Dist.....No. 8	5 50
	Jacob Buswell's bill in Dist.....No. 9	15 24
	Emerson Preston's,.....No,10	13 12
	George Woods,.....No. 11	12 32
	Wm. A. Pingry,.....No. 12	10 04
	Horotio G. Smith,.....No. 13	7 24

Joseph Browns for 1853,.....	64
Henry Shannon's for 1853,.....	1 20
	—144 12

TOWN CLERK'S SERVICES.

1855

To copying Invoice Taxes and other services,.....	9 46 9 46
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1855

On Kendrick Emery's list for 1855

George McCarter deceased,.....	1 72
James Horsley, gone from town,....	1 72
Charles Chase, wrong taxed,.....	2 86
Marcy Sylvester gone from town,...	1 72
Alfred Beals gone from town,.....	1 72
George N. Moore by request,.....	1 72
Silas M. Haselton not of age,.....	1 72
John C. Moore wrong taxed,.....	1 72
Edwin Griffin gone from town,.....	1 72
Samuel Murray horse and cow lost,...	22

On John Moore's list for 1854

George N. Moore unable to pay,....	1 64
Jairus Shannon gone from town,....	1 64
Harrison Burnham over taxed,.....	70

— 20 82

SUPT. SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S SERVICES.

James Holmes bill.

1855, To services as Sup't. School Committee,	13 00
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Mayhew Clark's bill.

1355 To services as Sup't. School Committee,	4 50
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— 17 50

PRINTING TOWN ACCOUNTS,

Campbell & Gilmore's Bill.

1855. To printing town accounts for 1854-5,..	15 00
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Andrew F. Fox' Bill.

1855. To 2 days procuring the printing of town accounts and distributing the same,..	2 00
March, To horse and wagon to Manchester,.....	50

— 17 50

COLLECTOR'S SERVICES.

John Moore's bill.

To collecting \$2082 63 on his list of 1854 at 1-2 per cent.,.....	31 24
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— 31 24

POST OFFICE.

Paid Luther Melvin postage for 1855,	32
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HEARSE AND HEARSE HOUSE.

1855.	<i>William H. H. Crawford's Bill.</i>		
	To building and painting hearse house,..	84 00	
		—	84 00
1855.	<i>A. W. Sanborn's Bill.</i>		
Nov. 22,	To 1 Hearse,.....	110 00	
		—	110 00
1855.	<i>Alpheus Branch's Bill.</i>		
Dec. 17,	To 1 black mounted harness,.....	16 00	
	To coffin straps,.....	1 25	
		—	17 25
1855.	<i>George W. Varnum's Bill.</i>		
Nov. 22,	To 1 pick,.....	1 50	
	To 1 iron bar, 15 lbs. at 10 cts.,.....	1 50	
		—	3 00
1855.	<i>Hugh Crombie's Bill.</i>		
Nov. 10;	Paid for shovel and spade,.....	2 00	
		—	2 00
1855.	<i>Paschal Preston's Bill.</i>		
Dec. 11,	To repairing south hearse house,.....	25 15	
		—	25 15
1855,	<i>Kimball & Co.'s Bill.</i>		
Dec. 19,	To 1 padlock for south hearse house,....	33	
		—	33
			<hr/> 241 73

LIQUOR AGENCY.

1855.	<i>Cyrus Dunn's Bill.</i>	
Aug. 18,	To 5 gallons brandy at \$4 per gallon,..	20 00
	3 " H. gin " 1 65 "	4 95
	To 5 gallon demijohn,.....	1 00
	3 " "	67
	To 44 1-2 gallons N. E. Rum, at 49 cts.	21 81
	To 40 gallons Alcohol, at 96 cts.,.....	38 40
	To 2 gallons O' Madeira wine, at 2 75,	5 50
	To 1 3 gallon demijohn,.....	67
	Cash paid by Agent for liquor,.....	11 30
	Agent's commission,.....	18 00
	Paid Dudley & Parker for tin measures,	62
	Paid Dennis & Varick for 2 brass Faucets	60
	Paid for freight,.....	1 00
		<hr/> 124 52

SUNDRY BILLS.

1855.	<i>S. S. Fletcher's bill.</i>	
Oct. 8.	To money assigned to Teachers' Institute,	11 44
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1856.	<i>Samuel Dow's bill.</i>		
Nov. 19,	To running line between Auburn and Londonderry,.....	75	
		—	75
1855.	<i>Samuel Clark's bill.</i>		
Dec. 8,	To running town line,.....	1 50	
		—	1 50
1855.	<i>Edward D. Eaton's bill.</i>		
March 17,	To amount of school house tax for Dis. No. 3, in Candia.....	4 54	
		—	4 54
1855.	<i>Alpheus Branch's bill.</i>		
May 21,	To 1 trunk for town clerk.....	3 00	
		—	3 00
1854.	<i>Nathan Plummer's bill.</i>		
	To vaccinating 150 patients, at 10 cts.,..	15 00	
		—	15 00
1856.	<i>John Moore's bill.</i>		
Feb. 1,	To enrolling and returning the infantry in Auburn,	3 50	
		—	3 50
1856.	<i>Thomas J. Crombie's bill.</i>		
Feb. 9,	To enrolling and returning the Auburn Guards,.....	2 00	
		—	2 00
1855	<i>Hugh Crombie's Bill.</i>		
	To paid Edward D. Eaton School tax in Candai,.....	92	
	To paid for stone monument on the line between Auburn and Manchester	2 00	
1855			
April 21,	To paid Dr. N. Plummer for list of births and deaths,.....	2 05	
1856			
Jan. 18,	To setting up guide posts and 1 lb nails	1 00	
		—	5 97 5 97
1856	<i>Augustus G. Wiley's Bill.</i>		
Feb. 9,	To making and setting Guide boards and putting up the same.....	15 29	15 29
1855	<i>Amherst Coult's Bill.</i>		
Dec. 15,	To 3 Guide posts,.....	1 80	1 80
1849	<i>Henry F. French's Bill.</i>		
Sept. 7,	To entry of petition for discontinuance	1 25	
	To fee in same,.....	5 00	
Nov.	To form of notice,.....	1 00	

1850			
Feb. 7,	To fee on petition of discontinuance	5 00	
			12 25
1856	<i>John Clark's Bill.</i>		
Feb. 9,	To use of meeting house for Town meeting for 1855,.....	20 00	20 00
			97 04

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

1855	<i>Hugh Crombie's bill.</i>		
Apr. 2,	To 3 dinners for Selectmen,.....	75	
	To cash paid expenses while taking in- voice,.....	2 00	
12-13-14,	To 9 meals for Selectmen,.....	2 25	
21,	To 3 do, do, do,.....	75	
May 9,	To 2 do, do, do,.....	50	
26,	Expenses at Candia,.....	64	
Nov. 8,	To expenses while perambulating line between Auburn and Manchester,...	50	
14,	Expenses at Londonderry,.....	50	
Mar. 20,	Horse and wagon to Chester,.....	75	
Aug. 18,	To do, do, do,.....	75	
Nov. 14,	Horse and wagon to Londonderry,.....	1 50	
Dec. 8,	do, do, To Manchester,.....	75	
1856			
Feb. 13,	do, sleigh to Chester,.....	75	
22,	4 meals for selectmen,.....	1 00	
1855			
Dec. 15,	Cash paid Nathaniel Brown selectmen's expenses,.....	2 84	
1856			
Jan. 5,	Cash paid Graham Hall selectmen's ex- penses,.....	2 00	
Feb. 9,	Cash paid do, for do,.....	2 00	20 23
1855	<i>William B. Brown's Bill.</i>		
May 22,	To 3 meals for selectmen,.....	75	
23,	To 2 do, do,.....	50	
26,	Horse and wagon to Candia,.....	1 00	
July 20,	do do to Derry,.....	75	
Oct. 17,	do do to Derry,.....	75	
Nov. 20,	do do to Londonderry,.....	1 00	
1856			
Jan. 24,	Horse and sleigh to Chester poor farm..	75	
Feb. 12,	do do to Chester,.....	50	
20,	do do to do,.....	50	
20-21,	To 4 meals for selectmen,.....	1 00	
			7 50 27 73

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

Hugh Crombie's bill.

1855.

Mar. 17th	To 1-2 day on Town Business,.....	50
20,	To 1-2 day to Chester on Town Business,..	50
April 6,	To 4 days taking invoice,...	4 00
14,	To 3 days making taxes,.....	3 00
20 & 21,	To 2 days making surveyors lists,.....	2 00
May 9,	1 day procuring Collector's Book.....	1 00
22,	1 day on Town Business,.....	1 00
26,	1 day at Candia on Town Business,.....	1 00
June 18,	1-2 day letting out Hearse House to build,	50
22,	1-2 day hearing on school house dist. No. 1	50
Aug 18,	1-2 day at Chester,.....	50
25,	1-2 day on Preston Road,.....	50
Nov. 8,	1 day running line between Auburn and Manchester,.....	1 00
9,	1 day on Town Business,.....	1 00
10,	1 day going to Manchester,.....	1 00
14,	1 day to Londonderry,.....	1 00
16,	1-2 day to get pauper money,.....	50
19,	1-2 day setting up monuments on Manches- ter Line,.....	50
Dec. 8,	1 day to Manchester,.....	1 00
15,	1 day settling Town accounts,.....	1 00

1856

Jan'y, 5,	do, do, do,.....	1 00
Feb. 9,	do, do, do,.....	1 00
13,	1-2 day to Chester,.....	50
23,	4 days making out Check list and warrant and preparing Town accounts,.....	4 00
26,	1 day with auditors,.....	1 00

\$29 50*William Hall's bill.*

1855.

Mar. 17,	To 1-1-2 day on Town business,.....	50
Apr. 2,	9 days taking invoice and making taxes,	9 00
May 22,	1-2 day on Town business,.....	50
26,	1 day moving Archi. Whidden,.....	1 00
June 20,	1-2 day about Hearse house,.....	50
Aug. 25,	To 1-2 day on Preston road,.....	50
Nov. 7,	1 day running line between Manchester and Auburn,.....	1 00
19, & 20,	1-1-2 days running line between London- derry and Auburn,.....	1 50
Dec. 8 & 9,	1-1-2 days running line between Derry and Auburn,.....	1 50

	15,	1 day settling Town accounts,.....	1 00
1856			
Jan.	5,	1 do. do, do,.....	1 00
Feb.	9,	1 do, do, do,.....	1 00
	26,	1 day with auditors,.....	1 00
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			\$20 00

William B. Brown's bill.

1855.			
Mar.	17,	1-2 day on Town business,.....	50
Apr.	2-15,	9 days taking invoice and making taxes	9 00
	27,	1-2 day on Town business,.....	50
May	9,	1 day making Collector's book,.....	1 00
	22,	1 day on Town business,.....	1 00
	23,	do, do, do,.....	1 00
	27,	1 day at Candia,.....	1 00
June	18,	1-2 day letting Hearse house to build,.	50
	22,	1-2 day school house hearing dist No 1.	50
July	20,	1-2 day going to Derry,.....	50
Aug.	25,	1-2 day on Preston road,.....	50
Oct.	17,	1 day on Town business,.....	1 00
Nov.	19-20	1-1-2 days running town line between Londonderry and Auburn,.....	1 50
Dec.	8,	1 day running line between Derry and Auburn,.....	1 00
	15,	1 day settling Town accounts,.....	1 00
1856.			
Jan.	5,	1 do, no, do,.....	1 00
	24,	1 day to Chester,.....	1 00
Feb-	9,	1 day settling Town accounts,.....	1 00
	12,	1 day procuring coffin and getting grave dug for G. Hall,.....	1 00
	20&21	2 days making check list and prepar- ing warrants for town meeting,.....	2 00
	22&23	2 days preparing town accounts for printing,.....	2 00
	25,	1 day on Town business,.....	1 00
	26,	1 day with auditor,.....	1 00
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			\$30 50 80 00

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

TOWN OF AUBURN IN ACCOUNT WITH HUGH CROM-
BIE, TREASURER. DR.

Paid State and County Taxes,.....	406 24
School money,.....	545 19
Stationery,.....	2 73

Support of Paupers,.....	274 44
Non Resident Highway Taxes worked out,.....	130 67
Improvement on Highways and Bridges,.....	74 09
Breaking out Highways,.....	144 52
Town Clerk's services,.....	9 46
Abatement of Taxes,.....	20 82
Superintending School Com, services,	17 50
Town Accounts,.....	17 50
Collector's services,....	31 24
Post Office,.....	32
Hearse and Hearse house,.....	241 73
Liquor Agency,.....	124 52
Sundry Bills,.....	97 04
Selectmen's Services,.....	80 00
Selectmen's Expenses,.....	27 73
Paid Andrew F. Fox note and Interest,..	157 95
Paid do, do, do, ...	56 07
Services and expense of Auditors and expense of Selectmen,.....	5 50
Balance in the Treasury,.....	6 64

\$2471 90

TOWN OF AUBURN IN ACCOUNT WITH HUGH CROMBIE, TREASURER. Cr

Balance in Town Treasury March. 1855,...	2 47
Received of John Moore, Collector of 1854 in full,.....	282 63
Received of State Treasurer Literary Fund,	47 88
Received of County of Rockingham,.....	58 99
Luther Melvin, Liquor Agent,....	54 31
" of Kendrick Emery, Collector for 1855, in part,.....	2025 62

\$2471 90

STATEMENT.

THE TOWN OF AUBURN OWES THE FOLLOWING NOTES.

Edward Prescott's note and interest up to February 16th 1856,.....	115 14
Nancy Hardy's, note and interest up to February 2d, 1856,.....	235 95
Pike Chase's note and interest up to Feb. 10, 1856,.....	257 19

Hidden Brown's note and interest up to Feb. 9th 1856,	243 27
Hidden Brown's note and interest up to Feb. 22d 1856,	135 15
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	986 70
Due From Kendrick Emery Collector for 1855,	268 27
Balance in the Treasury,	6 64
In the hands of Luther Melvin Li- quor Agent about seventy-five dollars' worth of Liquor,	75 00
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	\$349 91
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Balance against the town	\$636 79
HUGH CROMBIE	} Selectmen of Auburn.
WILLIAM HALL	
WM. B. BROWN	

AUBURN FEB. 26th 1856.

We the undersigned hereby certify that we have this day examined the foregoing account of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer and find the same correctly cast with proper vouchers for the several charges and we recommend that the town allow the same.

PIKE CHASE	} Auditors.
KENDRICK EMERY	
BENJAMIN GRIFFIN,	

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Committee in closing the duties of another year report as follows, commencing with some particulars respecting each District.

No. 1.—The teacher in this for Summer and Autumn had not before taught, and gave evidence of becoming one of the first class of teachers. And no doubt would have done more with three times as many scholars.

No. 2.—The teacher of the Summer school was energetic and successful. A little more persuasiveness may add to her usefulness.

The winter term was taught by a female of considerable experience in teaching, she was respected and loved by her pupils. More decision in discipline would add to her efficiency. Several scholars in this district were not prepared for school when it commenced and were not punctual after they entered, injuring their own improvement and that of the school in general.

No. 3.—The teacher of the Summer school had many traits to in-

terest scholars. The Committee visited this the first week and was in a short time the third or fourth week. The teacher's health failed and there was no examination at the close. Register not properly filled out. The teacher of the autumn term was a female who loves the work and applies the improvements in teaching to a good purpose using the outline maps with much profit. She was kind yet decided in her discipline. Many of the scholars in this district were not ready to attend when the school commenced. Items in Register well answered.

No. 4.—The teacher of the Summer school had not before taught and probably learned something from experience during the term. She was thought by some to be too severe in her discipline, still the school appeared well at the examination.

The winter school was taught by a male teacher who was energetic and excited a deep interest among parents and children; used the outline maps with advantage, gave much attention to reading and spelling, often meeting in the evening to spell and rehearse pieces and at the close of the school held an exhibition in the Vestry where a very large number of listeners were gathered. The minds of many scholars were evidently much quickened. Several of the selections for exhibition in the judgement of the Committee had better have been omitted, and some parts of other pieces left out. Even for amusement we do not need so much of the comic. The memory should be stored with what will be useful and salutary. By application the teacher is capable of becoming pre-eminent in the business of teaching. He is now engaged in a private school in the same district.

No. 5.—The Summer school was only six weeks. The teacher had earned a high reputation, having taught the same school two terms the year before and hence did much good in this short time. The Committee did not notice a single whisper during the afternoon of examination, proving that this object can be gained, for many of the of the scholars were small and by nature restless, and we would like to witness this order in all the schools. The winter school was taught by a female who seemed deeply interested in her work, and on examination the progress of the scholars was manifest; yet in the opinion of the Committee more benefit would have been realized by preventing whispering and loud studying.

No. 6.—The Summer school was taught by one who has uniformly been successful in teaching, and the progress made in this school was most marked in the usual studies and also in committing to memory useful pieces and rehearsing them. The teacher has formed the habit of talking too much in school, against which she should guard in future for her own comfort and health. The teacher in the autumn had taught only one school before and exhibited many traits of becoming a superior teacher; to accomplish this she should speak more distinctly and be more strict in governing.

No. 7.—The teacher of the summer school was young in years and not having taught before some fears were expressed that she would not

succeed but on trial it was found that these were groundless. The school appeared pleasant and profitable. More distinctness in asking questions and stricter discipline are necessary to the highest success. The teacher of the winter term had not before taught. His answers to questions on examination were prompt and correct. Soon after commencing the school many of the larger scholars had an impression that he would not or could not govern the school, and there was much misconduct both in the house and in the recreations without; the Superintending Committee were asked to visit the school and did so making suggestions to teacher and scholars hoping all would take hold and do their best. Still quite a number left the school and were not present at the final examination. Those who were present appeared well and if the rest had done as well it would have been a good school. In some of the schools in town the teacher might have been popular and useful, but he had not experience and energy sufficient to manage that successfully.

No. 8.—The teacher of the summer school had taught in this district before and where she had from a child attended herself. Her qualifications are superior and higher activity would impart more of her good qualities to her pupils.

The winter term was taught by a young man who kept the same school the winter before. The Committee was in the school the first week and also once after, but the day of examination was the cold Friday, and the roads were so filled that the Committee did not attend and farther report cannot be given.

A Select School of ten weeks was held in the Vestry with 24 scholars from five different school districts. It was a very pleasant and useful term; this was clear gain as experience teaches that these select schools do very much to excite the young to higher attainments and the great benefit which may be secured by union of plan and effort.

BOOKS.

Town's Readers have been used seven years, hence it may be thought desirable to change for some other series later published and more valuable; besides the facts and language of this have become very familiar to every child. Towers Elements in grammar was the past winter used in two schools by classes of beginners and one teacher remarked respecting one of these classes they had learned five times as much as they would in the old grammar and this is the impression of the Committee. Children will soon learn enough more to pay for new books. Let the selection be wisely made and let the children see how neatly they will keep their books and how much they will learn from them.

PARENTS should provide books and teach their children to preserve them with care, for thus a habit of vast importance will be formed. Parents should visit the schools still more than they do and sympathize with the teacher, who has 20, 30 or more restless youth to guide. Parents should see that their children attend through the whole school if possible and see that they are obedient to every regulation and if

all is not quite in accordance with your judgement be careful and not find fault with the teacher in the presence of your children, for it will do no good and often do very much harm. Let parents set their faces against all mean conduct among scholars and exert their influence to elevate the standard of morals as well as education. Profaneness has become notorious among scholars, therefore let all unite to oppose the floods of iniquity that flow in; let shame rest on wrong doers that profane and obscene practices may no more be heard of among our youth.

TEACHERS should educate the conscience as well as the intellect. The State law definitely requires that moral duties should be enjoined by those who have the care of youth, and by a suitable appeal to the conscience much may be done to govern well. Teachers should study the different dispositions of youth and deal with them accordingly. They should not apply to a common school what might be proper in a high school or Academy. They should labor to be more and more thorough and correct, for young minds are quick to detect errors and some scholars now think themselves wiser than their teachers. A higher standard must be attained or our schools will be of comparatively little benefit. Teachers must attend more to their duty in making out the items in the Register; the past year in this respect there are radical defects. These Registers should be early returned to the Superintending Committee.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES should engage their teacher much earlier than usual, it would be a saving of time for them and they can have a better choice. The proof of a good farmer or mechanic is in his work: so of a good teacher the proof is in the success. Some schools require teachers of much wisdom and great energy of purpose. Some men from their skill and energy will do five times as much as others, and there is more difference than this in teachers.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The improvement in these has not advanced as fast as it ought. The houses in District No. 1, 2 and 6 are really unfit for school purposes and some of the others need repairs, and the best need to be watched with care and guarded from injury. If districts No. 1. and 2. would harmoniously unite and form one and build a good house the cause of education would be greatly promoted in the view of disinterested persons. The people in No. 6. should lose no time in building a new house. It is not possible to have first rate schools in miserable houses. The conscience ought to be aroused to this matter.

In short the various instrumentalities in all particulars should be joined in harmonious energy to perfect our common schools, for we can scarcely overestimate their importance. It is one of the elevating influences in our Republic. Let us educate the masses and induce all

to read, think and act for themselves answerable to their conscience and their Maker. Let all unite in achieving a result so glorious.

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Auburn, Feb. 21. 1856.

TABLE.

TEACHERS.

	No. of District.	Length of summer school.	Length of winter school.	Wages of teachers per mo. in summer.	Wages of teachers per mo. in winter.	No. of scholars in summer.	Average attendance.	No. of scholars in winter.	Average attendance.	Amount of money raised by tax.	Income from literary fund.
Miss Mary A. Mitchell,	1	9	13	\$6	\$6	14	12	13	12	42 05*	\$5 98
" Mabala Dearborn,	2	8		8		24	22			\$51 07	5 98
" Persis Brown,	2		8		10			32	25		
" Alamanza Eaton,	3	10		10		37				89 05	5 98
" H. M. Hazelton,	3		11		12			33	25		
" Addie M. Smith,	4	12		7		25	18			75 88	5 98
Mr. Frank W. Parker,	4		13		17			38	28		
Miss S. F. Elkins,	5	6		8		27	25			54 58	5 98
" L. A. Knowles,	5		10		9			38	32		
" Amanda Underhill,	6	13		7		22	16			52 42	5 98
" Abbie C. Southard,	6		12		8			26	22		
" " " "	7	10		6		22	20			70 18	5 98
Mr. L. J. Moore,	7		7		16			25	16		
Miss Persis Brown,	8	9		9		13	12			61 06	5 98
Mr. Simeon S. Marden,	8		10		18			21	18		
						184					
								226			

*No. 1 receives some money from a few families in Chester.

In short the various instrumentalities in all directions should be joined in harmonious energy to point out to our schools, for we can scarcely overstate their importance, the value of the evening influences in our households. Let us educate the masses and induce all

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